

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 2, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Mike Daubenspeck, and Nick Culley (student liaison) answered roll call. Elton Marzon and Aaron Gurley were not present.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. McCormick vs City was appealed to the Supreme Court. The Court did not hear the case, thus we won.
2. We will have an animal shelter meeting on Wednesday to discuss our agreement with the County.
3. We are Partnering with 9Star to run fiber to the apartments and housing at the Boulders addition.
4. We will close on the Sorrenson property on the 4th. The City will remove the property this spring.
5. The Police have done an Investigation regarding suspected fraud cases using stolen identity of some of the City's employees with the Workforce Development.
6. Rush County was awarded a grant from FEMA Homeland Security for drainage and flooding. This will aid us in justifying the Cherry Street project
7. We were approved for the SBA BBP loan. The Economic Development will oversee.
8. Thanks to Chief Munson and to those attending the CPR training.
9. We visited Jordan Industry today. They currently have 45 employees with a variety of duties. They are working with Workforce Development to get additional employees. They are making outdoor furniture such as bean bag chairs.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier thanked Chief Munson and his department for the training on Saturday. Those attending are now CPR and ADP certified.

Director Burklow gave Berkemeier a tour of the Overlook area.

We are putting together a report to see how the trash program is performing.

Attended a revolving loan meeting that awarded a loan to the Rynards for the Big O Tire building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We granted an extension to complete by July 2021. A lot of work should be done by the end of April. We will have a celebration.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The concerts are scheduled. They are the same as we would have had last year. We will be utilizing guidelines.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Nothing.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal – The fence company installed the posts and will be back on the 8th to complete the project. We are working to come up with a good latching system.

We purchased 4 new cat cages from donations.

Received a donation from the Indiana Grand Casino from their community outreach program and received \$1,500.00.

Police - Traffic study - alleyways near new jail: The committee is suggesting the following:

1. A stop sign at 1st and Perkins needs to be replaced with a permanent sign.
2. The sign at the 100 block of East 1st needs to be reinstalled.
3. A stop sign needs to be placed at the intersection of the two alleyways directly in front of the main entrance to the jail for southbound and eastbound traffic.
4. One-way signs need to be erected indicating the east/west alley in front of the jail is for one way traveling eastbound.
5. It is recommended that the County have a stop sign erected at the intersection of the east/west alley at Perkins Street. This will be the County's decision since they own the vacated alley in this area.

Sheriff Rice was agreeable with these recommendations. Chief Tucker said he is asking Jemmy Miller to determine the best locations for the signage and to put the signs in place.

Code/Building Enforcement – Director Jenkins reported that the Board of Works approved the amendment to the GAP policy.

Fire – Chief Munson thanked those attending the recent training.

We have completed the 1st phase of our physicals. The 2nd phase will take place toward the end of the month.

Utility – Superintendent Day said they are working on phase 3 of the E 8th Street storm water line that is to be bid out in April. We are getting prices to replace the water line.

We are meeting with Scot Barnes to discuss the storm waterline at the Laker building.

We are working to give sanitary service to those residents on the west side of Spencer Street.

There is a job opening at the utilities department.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Protest Guidelines:** The final draft has been sent out for review.
Ordinance 2021-6 Noise Control –
Ordinance 2021-7 Special Events –
2. **Animal Shelter Credit Card** – The credit card payment program is working well at the various locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2021-8 Amendment to City of Rushville Zoning Ordinance Corridor Overlay District** – The APC gave a favorable recommendation. Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-8. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - **2021 Summer Activities** – Mayor Pavey said we are having conversations to move forward with summer activities. We will use the State and County guidelines.
 - Mayor's 5K
 - Rushville Pool
 - Little League
 - Riverside Concert Series

COVID-19: Mayor Pavey said we are currently at a blue level. The vaccination program has moved to a 55 and older age bracket as of today.

CLAIMS AND MONTHLY BANK REC – Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented and the December bank reconciliation. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Park dept update – Director Burklow reported that they are hoping the Overlook will be completed by May 1. They are getting ready to pour concrete which includes the splash pad.

Spring is about here and we are getting ready to go.

We Extended the hiring for the pool. Interviews will be next week.

A meeting was held with the little league board. Burklow stated that he believes they have started off with a good relationship.

We have repaired the movie screen and we plan to put it to good use this year.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Daubenspeck moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.